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By the biggest of them.

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Well one lovely afternoon we started from the wharf in San Francisao on the Stockton Boat, as we did not want to delay, and so resoled to start from Stackton instead of driving the whole way from San Francisco, and so took up our team and wagon with us. We arrived at Stockton about five in the morning and met the Saint on the wharf, as he had come from Sacramento. He looked a most awful ruffian in his long boots and flannel shirt and large straw hat, but he evidently considered he had got the right kind of a rig, so we tried to look as if we thought so too, and complimented him on his get up, and he received our congratulation with becoming gravity. Then after investing in a few necessaries that we had forgotten such as soap for Chamois (he was the most aggravating boy. He did all the dirty work and was always clean,) an axe, saw, hatchet and large knife for the Gentleman from the South, as he had a perfect mania for chopping wood, (in which the cook encouraged him), some salt and pepedr for the cook, who could not be persuaded dy the boarding-house-keeper that "anything like that we could get anywhere", and two sacks of beans for the atter, as beans acted upon his constitution like Mrs. Winslow's Soothing syrup, as he always awoke as "bright as a button" after eating them for supper and generally awoke more than once. However, at last we got off and got to Farminnton where we lunched, and fed horses &c., and then went to Knight's Ferry making that place about 6 P. M. There tae hostler took charge of the horses. The Southerner brought two or three sticks which he said were all there were for miles around and the cook and chamois soon got ready a good meal of soup and beefsteak, beans and potatoes and tea to which we devoted ourslyes with school-boy appetites, and curled ourselves up in our blankets and fell asleep and very soon the only sounds that could be heard were the music of the Saint s nose and an occasional whisper of beans from the boarding house-keeper. At 5 o'clock we were up and down at the river performing our ablutions and in less than an hour we had breakfasted, fed the horses and started. It was fearfully hot and the cook (whose temper was like most cooks) grumbled so fearfully that at 11 o'clock we haled and struck camp for lunch. We had a most charming place for a camp. Under some big trees and close to a litte stream in which we batned and Oh!

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EDITORIAL FLASHES.

Accidents will happen in the best regulated families and we are no exception to the rule. While in the midst of printing this number our press suddenly broke without giving us any warning whatever, and being unprepared for anything of the kind we were compelled to wait till we could go to San Francisco to replace the broken portion. As it is, we humbly ask the public to excuse our non-appearance we shall endeavor to make it up by publishing a double number two weeks from today with our Christmas poems and story. We also ask the authors to excuse their late appearance in print. As the old saying is: "better late than never", so it is with them.

We have our opinion of any man so mean and despicable as to put up a notice forbidding shooting on an open and uncultivated field. If it were in an orchard or a vineyard, or near a house he would have some grounds for so doing, but in an open field it is mere selfishness.

Sample copy fiends are quite numerous now-a-days; they are decidedly a nuisance

"You are invited to subscribe for this paper and get the continuation of our new story", is what greets our powers of sight on opening a recent paper. We do not subscribe.

During our involuntary suspension a very large number of exchanges have accumulated. We will do our best towards mentioning them all in our next issue.

Owing to the lateness of this issue we are able to say something towards the neatness and general get up of the few Christmas numbers we have received so far. The *Journal*, *Observer* and *Bumble Bee* are the only California

papers issuing said numbers. The editors deserve credit for their fine appearance.

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how pleasant it was. We then woke up the gentleman from the South (his talent by the bye for sleeping was one of his most striking features) and he went out with the axe, hatchet, saw, chopper and knife and got the cook wood. We lunched and then started for Cubbertson's Vineyard where we intended passing the night. Reached there about 7 P. M. and after dinner turned in early as we had to get up Priest's Hill before the sun if possible as our wagon and provisions were somewhat a heavy pull for two horses in the heat of the day, and some friends of ours had foundered their horses at this very place.

To be continued.

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LOCALS.

Duck hunting up this way is very poor.

The country all around is badly in need of rain.

We are glad to see Mr. James back in the school-room this term.

We welcome two new scholars to our ranks this term, Masters George Whitney and Eddie Schmaltz.

We also welcome Willie Foye back again. He is not a new student by any means having been a pupil at this school for a number of years.

One of the L. G. hunters went out the other afternoon, and seeing an owl on a fence fired at it, and (thought) he saw it fall but on looking for it could not find it. Perhaps he was not aware that an owl will drop down and swoop along the ground for quite a long distance.

Both Mr. James and Mrs. Lubeck went up the Valley for a day or two last week.

The other day some of the boys shot two hares but only got one, the other being only wounded escaped.

Mr. Watt is the only farmer that we have seen in this vicinity who has got his orchard pruned and cleared of all the debris left after that work.

The majority of the boys feel more inclined to study hard this term than last.

Prof. Heymanson has recommenced his weekly visits for this term

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